

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Wayne E.  
Bretl, et al.

Serial No.: 09/804,261

For: **ROBUST DIGITAL  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

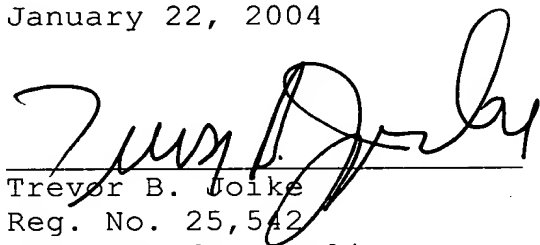
Filed: March 13, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2614

Examiner:

) I hereby certify that this  
) paper is being deposited  
) with the United States  
) Postal Service as first  
) class mail, postage prepaid,  
) in an envelope addressed to:  
) Commissioner for Patents,  
) P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria,  
) Virginia 22313-1450 on this  
) date:

) January 22, 2004

)   
) Trevor B. Jolke  
) Reg. No. 25,542  
) Attorney for Applicants

**RECEIVED**

FEB 02 2004

Technology Center 2600

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-48 and 54-91 are now in the  
application. Claims 1-48 and 54-61 are original claims,  
and claims 62-90 are new claims. Claims 49-53 are  
canceled.

01/29/2004 JBALINAW 00000101 260175 09804261

01 FC:1201 172.00 DA  
02 FC:1202 450.00 DA

TELEPHONE (312) 258-5500



**SCHIFF HARDIN LLP**

PATENT DEPARTMENT

6600 SEARS TOWER

233 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606

2614/8

In re application of: Wayne E. Bretl et al.

CONFIRMATION NO.: 9120

Serial No.: 09/804,261

GROUP ART UNIT: 2614

Filed: March 13, 2001

EXAMINER: unknown

For: ROBUST DIGITAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

**RECEIVED**

FEB 02 2004

Technology Center 2600

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 86	MINUS	** 61	X 25	( ) X 9.00 (X) X 18.00	\$450.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 12	MINUS	10	X 2	( ) X 43.00 (X) X 86.00	\$172.00
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$135.00 ( ) \$270.00 ONE TIME	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$622.00

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

- ☐ Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month so that the period for response is extended to \_\_\_\_\_. A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 26 0175. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
  - ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.
  - ☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached
  - ☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
  - ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (\$622.00) which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to **Account No. 26 0175**. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- When phoning re this application, please call (312) 258-5774.

SCHIFF HARDIN LLP (Customer Number: 28574)

BY Trevor B. Burke (25,542)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on January 22, 2004.

Trevor B. Burke

NAME OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

SIGNATURE

January 22, 2004

DATE